

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

I believe there is a "public interest," and protecting diversity of media ownership helps preserve it. Media conglomerates are not buying up all the stations in an area to serve the public better, but to make more profit at less cost. I am also opposed to digital broadcast standards such as IBOC which block reception of distant stations and limit consumer choice. IBOC does not improve audio quality or content. I would prefer keeping the entire FM band as it is now forever. The best broadcasting now is done by noncommercial FM stations such as PBS and college radio stations, and they should be allowed to continue as they are now without interference from digital broadcasting and deregulation which do not serve the public interest.